

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

[1] (Previously Amended) A steam cooker comprising:

    a cooking chamber in which foods are put;

    an external circulation path for blowing gas sucked from the cooking chamber via a suction port into the cooking chamber via a blowhole so that the gas strikes the foods in the cooking chamber;

    a blower for generating gas current traveling from the suction port to the blowhole in the external circulation path; and

    a steam generator for supplying steam to the gas passing through the external circulation path, wherein

        the external circulation path is provided with a steam ejector in a position downstream of the blower for sucking steam generated by the steam generator.

[2] (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 1, wherein  
the external circulation path is provided with a bypass for the gas to bypass the steam  
ejector.

[3] (Currently amended) The steam cooker according to claim 1 or 2,  
wherein  
the external circulation path is constructed using a pipe with circular cross section.

[4] (Currently amended) The steam cooker according to claim 1 or 2,  
wherein

the blower includes a centrifugal fan.

[5] (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 4, wherein  
a motor for driving the centrifugal fan is a direct current motor.

[6] (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 3, wherein  
the blower includes a centrifugal fan.

[7] (Original) The steam cooker according to claim 6, wherein  
a motor for driving the centrifugal fan is a direct current motor.